APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8 is canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Five Times Amended) An internal latent image direct positive photographic

silver halide emulsion comprising tabular silver halide grains having an average grain diameter

of not less than 0.3 μm and an aspect ratio of from not less than 2 to not more than 100 in an

amount of not less than 50% of all silver halide grains as calculated in terms of area; wherein

said tabular silver halide grains are core/shell grains having a core and an external shell, the

average grain thickness a along the main plane of the external shell thereof is from not less than

0.2 μm to not more than 1.5 μm and the average grain thickness b perpendicular to the main

plane of the external shell thereof is from not less than 0.04 μm to not more than 0.30 μm;

wherein the thickness of grains are so uniform that the coefficient of variation of

thickness is not more than 30%; and

wherein the core of said core/shell grains are composed of silver bromide and are

subjected to chemical sensitization in the presence of at least one compound selected from the

group consisting of compounds represented by the following formula (A), (B) and (C) and a gold

sensitizer in combination under the condition that substantially no thiosulfate ion is present

during the chemical sensitization:

$$R\text{-}SO_2\text{-}S\text{-}M \tag{A}$$

$$R\text{-}SO_2\text{-}S\text{-}R^1 \tag{B}$$

$$R\text{-}SO_2S\text{-}(L)_m\text{-}SSO_2\text{-}R^2 \tag{C}$$

wherein R, R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different and each represents an aliphatic

group, aromatic group or heterocyclic group; M represents a cation; L represents a divalent

linking group; m represents 0 or an integer of 1; the compounds of the formula (A), (B) and (C)

may be each in the form of a polymer containing, as a repeating unit, a divalent group derived

from the structures represented by the formulae (A), (B) and (C), respectively; and R, R^1, R^2 and

L may be optionally connected to each other to form a ring.